



Weekly Bulletin March 18, 2016

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bethel Public Schools will conduct its annual survey of parents and guardians from **March 28, 2016-April 8, 2016**, to gain insight into your perception of important areas of school district effectiveness. We used the data from last year's survey to develop action steps within our school district improvement process. This survey information will help contribute to improved schools and district performance. Directions for the survey will be included when you receive the survey email which will be coming soon. All survey responses will be confidential. No one at your child's school or in the district will see how you respond to the questions. A separate organization, Panorama Education, is managing the survey to ensure confidentiality. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Just a reminder to parents that the Public Hearing on the Education and Town Budget is on Monday, March 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in Bethel High School's auditorium. Babysitting will be provided for children who are over 4 years of age and toilet trained. This is an opportunity to provide input to the Board of Finance on both the Education Budget and the Town Budget.

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March Calendar

- 25 Good Friday No School**
- 29 Conferences Dismissal 12:56 pm**
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April Calendar

- 18-22 Spring Break No School**

The Bethel Public Schools are committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons. The Bethel Public Schools do not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut State and/or Federal nondiscrimination laws and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Bethel Public Schools do not unlawfully discriminate in employment and licensing against qualified persons with a prior criminal conviction. Inquiries regarding the Bethel Public Schools nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

Dr. Kristen Brooks (Title IX District Coordinator)
Assistant Superintendent of the Bethel Public Schools
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Johnson School received a wonderful grant from the BEF for e-books. Students will be able to download high-interest titles of books using their Destiny account to read these titles. Receiving this grant spurred up interest for more e-books in Johnson School. The White House and Michelle Obama recently released an “Open E-Books” app for schools. This app allows users to access free books on smartphones or tablets. Johnson School Media Center has applied for the Open-E-Books app and has been approved. Students in 4th and 5th grade will be receiving a code and pin to be used with the app. All you have to do is download the app, enter your code and pin and begin reading from your choice of thousands of popular award-winning e-books for free! Be on the lookout for the “Let’s Get eReading” letter as well as how to access books on Destiny being sent home with your child. This will contain their code, pin and directions for setting up the app! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Cohen at cohen@bethel.k12.ct.us



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5. Enter your code and PIN combination (provided above) when prompted.
6. Browse the catalog of books available.
7. Download eBooks of interest to your child and enjoy reading! *Please note: when using the app, standard data rates apply. Check with your school, afterschool program or library to see if they have free wireless access that you can use when downloading books.*

Parent/ Student E-Book Open Conference Hours and Parent Night!

You are cordially invited to learn how to access ebooks for free through your child's destiny account as well as through a free app "Open eBooks". Bring your child and device (tablet, ipad, smartphone) and learn how to access these books at home.



Come in for OPEN HOURS during Conferences

Open Hours Dates: Tuesday March 29 & Wednesday March 30

Location: Johnson Media Center

Open Hour Times: Tuesday 3/29 1pm-4pm

Wednesday 3/30 1pm-5pm

OR



Come in for a Parent/Child Ebook Night

Date: Wednesday March 30, 2016

Location: Johnson Media Center

Time: 6:15-7:00 pm

Any questions? Contact Miss Cohen at
cohen@bethel.k12.ct.us